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BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND  
TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ) Docket No. L-00000A-06-0295-00130  
COMPANY AND ITS ASSIGNEES IN )  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS ) Case No. 130  
OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES SECTIONS )  
40-360.03 AND 40-360.06 FOR A CERTIFICATE )  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY )  
AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A 500kV )  
ALTERNATING CURRENT TRANSMISSION )  
LINE AND RELATED FACILITIES IN ) **NOTICE OF INTENT**  
MARICOPA AND LA PAZ COUNTIES IN ) **TO BE A PARTY**  
ARIZONA ORIGINATING AT THE )  
HARQUAHALA GENERATING STATION )  
SWITCHYARD IN WESTERN MARICOPA )  
COUNTY AND TERMINATING AT THE )  
DEVERS SUBSTATION IN RIVERSIDE )  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA )

Harquahala Valley Power District ("HVPD"), is a power district organized under the laws of the State of Arizona (A.R.S. 48-1501, *et seq.*), and, as such, is a municipal corporation of the State (A.R.S. § 48-2901) and a political subdivision of the State of Arizona (Article 13 § 7, Constitution of Arizona). Pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 40-360.05 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-204, HVPD hereby files this Notice of Intent To Be A Party.

HVPD is an active power district comprising more than 30,000 irrigated acres. It supplies electricity to more than 80 irrigation pumps and other agricultural-related electric

1 facilities in the Harquahala Valley in Maricopa County, approximately 60 miles west of  
2 Phoenix. HVPD encompasses remote and secluded lands that are developed into highly  
3 valuable and productive farms, together with a small component of "ranchette" subdivision  
4 properties. These farmlands also enjoy unobstructed, panoramic views of the uniquely shaped,  
5 scenic mountains surrounding the valley, adding to the valley's long-term economic value in  
6 the context of the population growth projected for the outlying regions of Arizona.

8 HVPD's interest in these proceedings arises from the Application's inclusion of the  
9 "Harquahala-West Subalternate Route" for the DPV2 line (page 3, lines 10-16, Notice of  
10 Hearing). As an alternative to a portion of the primary proposed route, the Applicant seeks  
11 approval of a 1,000 foot-wide, East-West corridor that would cut a swath across the heart of the  
12 valley along what would be the Thomas Road extension, literally bisecting the entirety of  
13 HVPD lands. Approval of this corridor was previously requested for construction of the  
14 original DPV1 500kV line; but, it was appropriately denied in favor of the currently  
15 constructed DPV1 alignment. The DPV1 alignment skirts the HVPD farmlands to the North  
16 and completely avoids any interference with HVPD or the Harquahala Valley Irrigation District  
17 (HVID) and its canals, laterals and other water delivery related structures and operations, or the  
18 farmland and the ongoing agricultural operations such as aerial crop-dusting and the use of  
19 high-profile equipment.


21 HVPD fully supports Applicant's proposed project, if it is constructed essentially along  
22 the existing DPV1 corridor. Conversely, HVPD vigorously opposes any serious consideration  
23 of the Harquahala-West Subalternate Route because of the significant adverse impacts on  
24 HVPD, its landowner members and farmers, and the overall scenic, aesthetic, social and  
25 economic values and interests of the general rural community of the Harquahala Valley.

1 While the Harquahala-West Sub-alternate route may be physically shorter than the  
2 preferred route, it would predictably be more expensive due to the increased cost to acquire  
3 right-of-way through the developed and increasingly valuable farmland and adjacent  
4 subdivisions, as opposed to the preferred route's undeveloped desert lands paralleling the  
5 existing DPV1 corridor where the adverse economic devaluation impacts of an EHV  
6 transmission line have already been incurred by virtue of the existing line.  
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8 HVPD supports the Harquahala Generating Station and recognizes the challenges it  
9 faces in the current merchant electricity market. HVPD believes that Applicant's proposed  
10 transmission project would enhance the viability of the Harquahala Generating Station. HVPD  
11 supports the proposed preferred route utilizing mainly the existing DPV1 corridor, and urges  
12 the Committee to reject and deny Applicant's request for approval of any and all portions of the  
13 Harquahala-West Subalternate Route.  
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15 Respectfully submitted this 15th day of June, 2006.  
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2 Director of Utilities, the Arizona Corporation Commission  
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